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SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : The Hon. the Minister for Electricity was kind enough to give the figures about motor accidents. May I know whether he has figures about the casualties for the various years—the number of deaths due to accidents?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : I do not have that information now.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Is it a fact, Sir, that on account of want of provision of pavements for pedestrians, most of the accidents occur in small towns in the mufassal?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : It is not mainly due to want of provision of pavements that pedestrians are involved in the accidents. We feel that if pedestrians are controlled to some extent in areas where we have fast-moving traffic, it would be better. We are slowly introducing it in big towns and small towns also.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Have the Government studied the traffic regulations observed in the Mysore State? In Bangalore, in specified and particular places, fast-moving vehicles are asked to stop and then proceed. At those points there are no policemen in uniform. Policemen in civilian clothes stand somewhere near and if anybody does not stop his car at the point, that Police officer is empowered to fine him on the spot. Will the Government introduce such regulations in this State?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : I have not studied the Mysore system. I definitely feel, after having visited many big cities and seen what is being done there, that what we are doing in Madras City, is much better than what is done in other big cities in this country.

Sandynallah Scheme

* 132 *Q.*—SRI V. M. SURENDRAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Electricity be pleased to state when the Government of Madras propose to take up for execution the Sandynallah Scheme in the Nilgiris district?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : The scheme has been taken up for execution.

SRI V. M. SURENDRAM : இந்தத் திட்டத்திற்கு என்ன செலவாகும் என்று அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் சொல்ல முடியுமா?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : 127·5 லட்ச ரூபாய் செலவாகும்.

SRI V. M. SURENDRAM : எவ்வளவு நாளிலே முடிக்க வேண்டும் என்று சர்க்கார் திட்டமிட்டிருக்கிறது?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : வேகமாக முடிக்க வேண்டும் என்பது தான் அரசாங்கத்தின் ஆசை. ஏறத்தாழ மூன்று வருஷங்கள் ஆகலாம் என்று சொல்கிறார்கள். ஆனால், நிச்சயமான கால நிர்ணய அளவு என்னிடம் இல்லே.

Sri V. M. SURENDRAM : நீலகிரி ஜில்லாவில் வேறு ஏதாவது ப்ராஜெக்ட் ஆரம்பிக்க சர்க்காரிடம் திட்டம் இருக்கிறதா ?

The Hon. Sri V. RAMAIAH : இப்பொழுது குந்தாத் திட்டம் நடந்து கொண்டிருக்கிறது.

Sri V. M. SURENDRAM : அப்பர்-பவானி ஸ்கீம் என்பதை எடுத்துக் கொள்வார்களா ?

The Hon. Sri V. RAMAIAH : குந்தாத் திட்டம் ஒன்றுதான் இருக்கிறது.

Abolition of contracts system

* 133 *Q.*—Sri M. ETHIRAJALU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the recent statement of the Prime Minister in regard to the abolition of contracts system; and

(*b*) if so, whether there is any proposal before the Government to abolish the contract system and to execute all works departmentally?

The Hon. Sri P. KAKKAN : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) The matter is under consideration of the Government.

Sri M. ETHIRAJALU : எவ்வளவு காலத்தில் அது நிறைவேற்றப் படும் என்பதைச் சொல்ல முடியுமா ?

The Hon. Sri P. KAKKAN : அது பரிசீலனையில் இருக்கிறது. அது பூர்த்தியான பிறகுதான் ஒரு முடிவு செய்ய முடியும்.

Utilization of the waters of the Krishna and the Godavari

* 134 *Q.*—Sri T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state with reference to the Legislative Council Starred Question No. 81 answered on 23rd October 1956—

(*a*) the progress made in the matter of negotiations with the Andhra State with regard to diversion and utilization of the waters of the Krishna and the Godavari for the benefit of this State;

(*b*) whether any scheme for utilizing those waters has since been drawn up; and

(*c*) if so, the estimated cost thereof?

The Hon. Sri P. KAKKAN : (*a*) *to* (*c*) The matter is under the active consideration of the Southern Zonal Council.

Sri T. PURUSHOTHAM : Has any special staff been appointed till now for a preliminary investigation of the scheme on both sides?

2-50 p.m. The Hon. Sri P. KAKKAN : No, Sir.

Sri MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : Is the Hon. the Minister for Public Works aware of the statement made by the Chief Minister